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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH PROPOSAL TO SEND DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO GOA. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT POINTS B AND C IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL WOULD PUT US ON VERY SHAKEY GROUND. MOST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD HAVE LEGAL SYSTEMS WHICH ALLOW FOR INCREASES OF SENTENCES UPON APPEAL. FACT THAT FANTE, HENDRIX AND RUPERT HAVE NEARLY COMPLETED HALF THEIR SENTENCES HAS NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, ESPECIALLY SINCE RECENT CLEMENCY IS MAJOR FACTOR IN CALCULATION.

2. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT NOTE TO GOA EMPHASIZE AGAIN OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN, WHICH IS THE EX POST FACTO NATURE OF THE SENTENCES IMPOSED. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE WAS DISCRIMILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATION REGARDING TREATMENT OF AMERICANS THIS SHOULD ALSO BE RAISED. THERE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR REQUESTING RELEASE OR REDUCTION OF SENTENCES PURELY BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH OF TIME ALREADY SERVED. VANCE

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